will meet from time to time in consultation with the Chairman of the Council. It will function for a period of two years.

Sd/-

(BELA BANERJEE)
Joint Secretary to the Govt, of India
F. No. 11-2/2000-D.II(L)

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to the Members of the Council; Director, Central Hindi Directorate; Chairman, Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology; Director, Central Institute of Indian Languages; Director, National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language; Director, Kendriya Hindi Sansthan; Director, Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages; National Council for Educational Research and Training; Prime Minister's Office, Department of Parliamentary Affairs; Lok Sabha Secretariat; Ministries and Departments of Government of India.

Ordered that this Resolution be published in the Gazette of India for general information.

SdA

(BELA BANERJEE) Joint Secretary to
the Govt, of India.

Quality of technical education in Orissa

651. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: SHRI
B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that quality of technical education in Orissa

has fallen for want of adequate resources as the State Government cannot render much help to upgrade their systems;

(b) whether it is also a fact that future of the degree and diploma holders is in the dark on account of the above fact; and

(c) if so, the help rendered by the Centre to provide infrastructure and financial help to upgrade the technical know-how and other standards of education in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) As per the information furnished by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), they have not received any such report from the State of Orissa. The primary responsibility for providing adequate facilities and infrastructure in the State level Technical Institutions is with the Private Trust, Society or the State Government, as the case may be. However, AICTE operates various Schemes, namely, Modernisation and Removal of Obsolescence, Thrust Area Programmes in Technical Education, Research & Development etc. under which financial support is provided to Technical Institutes.

Load of school bags on children

†652. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the load of school bags on children is increasing alongwith the load of studies;

(b) whether Government propose to take any steps in order to reduce this increasing load of books on children; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) The National Curriculum Framework for School Education-2000 has made recommendations aimed at reducing the total load, physical and mental, of school children. The integration of Art Education, Work Education and Health Education into the Art of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.